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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON AFRICA AND US POSITION - AUSTRALIA

"THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT IN  
THE BLOODY POLITICS OF AFRICA INCREASES DAILY.  
ALREADY THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR FIGHT A VERBAL WAR."  
THE HEARLD (MELBOURNE) DECLARES IN ITS EDITORIAL OF JUNE 1, 1978.  
THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES: "PRESIDNNT CARTER...HAS WARNED THAT  
THE WEST CANNOT BE INDIFFERENT TO  
FURTHER SOVIET AND CUBAN PENETRATION IN AFRICA."  
IN A MORE SUBSTANTIAL EDITORIAL ON THE SAME MATTER, THE SYDNEY  
MORNING HEARLD (JUNE 1, 1978) SUGGESTS THAT "...MOVEMENT  
TOWARDS A MORE POSITIVE AND CO-ORDINATED APPROACH TO THE  
SOVIET CAMPAIGN IS OVERDUE". THE EDITORIAL  
ASKS "WHAT COUNTERMEASURES DOES MR. CARTER HAVE IN  
MIND? THEY APPEAR TO BE MODEST". REVIEWING  
LIKELY STRATEGY EMERGING FROM THE PARIS MEETINGS,  
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THE EDITORIAL SPECULATES THAT THE "READIEST  
RESORT WOULD BE TO CUT THE AID AND CO-OPERATION  
ON WHICH THE SLUGGISH SOVIET ECONOMY RELIES. A SECOND  
COURSE WOULD BE WESTERN AID IN THE REARMING OF CHINA".  
IN CONCLUSION THE EDITORIAL OBSERVES THAT HEW  
SECRETARY CALIFANO POSTPONED HIS TRIP TO THE SOVIET  
IN RESPONSE TO THE ORLOV SENTENCE, "BUT IT IS A LARGE

HINT THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS WEARYING OF EXHORTATION. WHETHER A CONGRESS BEMUSED BY THE STICK OF VIETNAM AND THE CARROT OF D'ETENTE WILL SUPPORT A MORE ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY IS ANOTHER MATTER". THE INFLUENTIAL MELBOURNE DAILY THE AGE (JUNE 2, 1978) ALSO PUBLISHED EDITORIAL COMMENT ON "THE WESTERN DILEMMA IN BLACK AFRICA". THE EDITORIAL NOTES THE STATEMENT BY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER BRZEZINSKI IN WHICH HE "FIERCELY DENOUNCED THE SOVIET UNION AND CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE. "THE EDITORIAL ALSO CITES THE CONTRARY ADVICE FROM UN AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG WHO IS QUOTED AS "POINTING OUT THAT AMERICAN CLADESTINE OPERATIONS IN AFRICA HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS, AND COUNSELS A 'STEADY, QUIET,' APPROACH". THE COMMENTS BY BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MR. CALLAGHAN "WARNING AGAINST OVER-REACTION" WERE NOTED IN THE EDITORIAL AND WERE WIDELY PUBLICISED IN THE AUSTRALIAN PRESS OF JUNE 2, 1978. THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTS THAT "CONCERTED WESTERN ACTION MIGHT HELP PRESIDENT CARTER OVERCOME CONGRESSIONAL RESTRAINTS - A LEGACY OF THE VIETNAM WAR - AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA," BUT CONCLUDES THAT "THE BEST DEFENCE AGAINST SOVIET ENCROACHMENT WOULD BE FOR THE WEST TO USE ITS INFLUENCE AND AFFLUENCE TO ENSURE THAT AFRICAN STATES

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RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THEIR PEOPLE". ENDUSINFO.  
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